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Prior Application Art Unit: 8368 Prior Application Examiner: John M. Hoffmann

SIR: This is a request for filing a Continued Prosecution Application as a Continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of pending prior nonprovisional Application No. 09/465,016 filed December 16, 1999 for **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM BY COMBUSTIONLESS HYDROLYSIS** by Giacomo Stefano ROBA, Marco ARIMONDI, Donata PICCOLO, and Sabrina FOGLIANI.

The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all the contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers for the new application.

1. Enter the amendment previously filed on September 11, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the prior application.
2. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

| Basic Application Filing Fee | | | | \$740 | \$ 740.00 |
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| | Number of Claims | Basic | Extra Claims | | |
| Total Claims | 14 - | 20 | 0 x \$18 | | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - | 3 | 0 x \$84 | | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) | | | +\$280 | | 0 |
| Subtotal | | | | \$ | 0 |
| Reduction by 1/2 if small entity | | | | - | 0 |
| TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE | | | | \$ | 740.00 |

3. A check in the amount of \$740.00 to cover the filing fee and any extension of time fees is enclosed.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-091.

The prior application is assigned of record to: **PIRELLI CAVI E SYSTEMI S.p.A.**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in parent Application No.09/465,016, filed 12/16/99, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

It is understood that secrecy under 35 U.S.C. § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that any member of the public, who is entitled under the provisions of § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning the other application or applications in the file jacket.

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Dated: October 9, 2002

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